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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Shimkets, *et al.*
SERIAL No.: 09/718,321 EXAMINER: Ly, Cheyne D.
FILING DATE: November 22, 2000 ART UNIT: 1631
FOR: NUCLEIC ACIDS CONTAINING SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE
POLYMORPHISMS AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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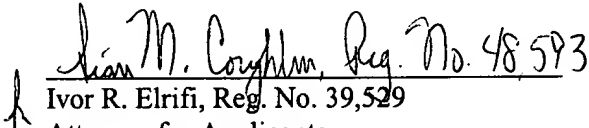
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the October 7, 2002, Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before December 7, 2002. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. Applicant is entitled to a small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 15966-599. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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